

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: November 9, 1953

FROM : V. P. Keay

SUBJECT: FRANK WISNER
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L. C. Nulty, former Bureau Agent now with the Investigative Staff of the Senate Appropriations Committee, called on me this morning and furnished the following information:

On Friday night, November 6, 1953, [redacted]

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[redacted] advised Nulty of information he had received from [redacted] was formerly with the [redacted]

According to the information furnished by [redacted] Frank Wisner, who is presently Deputy Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, while stationed in Europe during World War II, lived with a woman who was a [redacted] Wisner was reported to be seen with this woman in Paris as late as six months ago.

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Further, according to the information furnished by [redacted] one [redacted] who was [redacted] was responsible for Wisner's getting his job at CIA. Also according to this information, [redacted] incidentally, was himself with [redacted]

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[redacted] also furnished information that [redacted] who was [redacted] showed resentment at any anti-Communist sentiments which were expressed in his presence. [redacted] who is [redacted]

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Nulty stated that [redacted] did not obtain any further details from [redacted] but told [redacted] that he was going to report the matter to Nulty. On Saturday, November 7, 1953, [redacted] called Nulty and asked that he not pass this information on as Heimlich was going to see Congressman Fred Busby and endeavor to have Busby see the Director with [redacted] in order that the information could be thus passed on. I pointed out to Nulty that, of course, in view of the allegation that [redacted]

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[] was an espionage agent, it would be essential that the Bureau talk to [] if he did not furnish the information to the Bureau voluntarily. Nulty stated that he agreed but that before the Bureau contacts [] he would like to have notice from us so that he, Nulty, could tell [] that the information was in the possession of the Bureau and that we would be talking to []

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Information was received on May 9, 1952, from []

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that Frank Wisner had lived with one Tandra Caradja, a Rumanian divorcee, when he was stationed in Bucharest, Rumania, in 1944, while working for OSS. Subsequently Caradja was reported to confess to CIA that she had been working for Russian intelligence. This was in 1948. This information was furnished to General Bedell Smith, the then Director of CIA, on May 29, 1952. General Smith advised that the information was already known and that Wisner did live at the home of Mrs. Dimitre Bragadaru, also known as Tandra Caradja, in 1944 in Bucharest. In 1948, Caradja did confess she had worked for Russian intelligence and had been a Communist informer for two years. According to Smith, Wisner had no knowledge of any espionage activities on the part of Caradja, and an investigation has disclosed no association by Wisner with Caradja since 1945. (62-97311) ~~no association between Wisner and Caradja~~

Based on the limited identifying information, I was unable to locate any data in our files relating to Urshel.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that we advise Nulty it will be necessary that we see [] in the immediate future to get further details regarding his allegations and that we make any investigation indicated as a result of such interview.

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Nulty, as noted above, is with the Investigative Staff of the Senate Appropriations Committee, Room 216, HOLC Building, Phone - Code 151, Extension 5860.

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must be gone into in respect of
CIA awareness of the contrary.*

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Reference is made to my memorandum to you of November 9, 1953, setting forth information received from L. C. Nulty, former Bureau Agent, concerning an allegation of espionage involving the above-captioned individuals.

Mr. Nulty telephonically contacted Supervisor John S. Ammarell at 2:40 p.m. today and advised that he had spoken to his original informant, [redacted] today and advised him that it was necessary that the information in question be furnished to the FBI as soon as possible. He said that [redacted] agreed and that the Bureau could go ahead and interview [redacted] the original source in this matter. Nulty stated that [redacted] suggested that the interview of [redacted] be conducted soon since [redacted] might change his mind concerning the furnishing of the information. He also stated that [redacted] expects to be interviewed by the Bureau.

Nulty advised that [redacted] specifically requested that his name be completely left out in connection with this matter and that he, Nulty, had assured [redacted] that his name would not be mentioned. Nulty said that in view of this information, [redacted] would not endeavor to see the Director with Congressman Busby. Nulty also noted that [redacted] is under the impression that the information in question was furnished to the Bureau today rather than that it had been previously given the Bureau by Nulty on November 9, 1953.

RECOMMENDATION:

That this information be referred to the Espionage Section for their use in having an interview with [redacted] conducted.

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ADDENDUM - C. E. Hennrich; LL - November 12, 1953

ASAC Fletcher, WFO, was instructed this morning (November 12) to have [redacted] promptly interviewed.

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